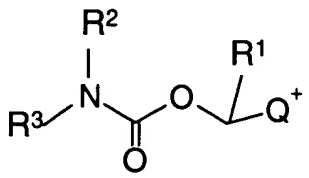
Amendm nt to th Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula (I),



(I)

wherein

Q is a 3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl)]-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-1-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-butan-2-ol moiety which is linked to the remainder of the compound of formula (I) by a nitrogen in the triazole;

R^1 is hydrogen or alkyl;

R^2 is hydrogen, alkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, mono- or dialkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl;

R^3 is pyridin-2-yl or substituted pyridin-2-yl; and

X^- is a pharmaceutically acceptable anion,

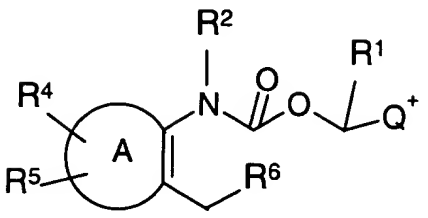
wherein

when R^3 is substituted pyridin-2-yl, the substituent is selected from the group consisting of ~~hydrogen,~~ halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy ~~trifluormethoxy~~ , nitro, aminosulfonyl, alkylaminocarboyloxyalkyl, sulfo, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl and aminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compounds~~ of claim 1 wherein R^3 is substituted pyridin-2-yl.

3. (Currently amended) The Compound ~~Compounds~~ of claim 2 having formula (II),



X⁻ (II)

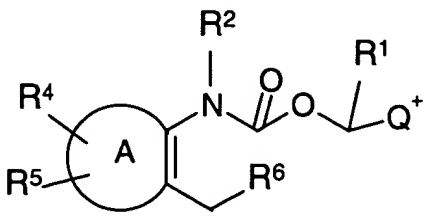
wherein

is pyridin-2-yl;

R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, cyano, trifluoromethyl, ~~trifluormethoxy~~, trifluoromethoxy nitro, aminosulfonyl, alkylaminocarboyloxyalkyl, sulfo, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl and aminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl; and

R^6 is hydroxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, amino, alkylamino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylamino-alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, aminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylcarbonylalkylamino, acyloxy, acylamino, acylalkylamino wherein said acyl group is a hydrolizable radical.

4. (Currently amended) Compounds of claim 3 having formula (III),



X^- (III)

wherein

~~R^1, R^2, Q, and X are as defined in claim 1;~~

R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, aminosulfonyl or sulfo; and

R^6 is hydroxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, amino, alkylamino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylamino-alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, aminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylcarbonylalkylamino, acyloxy, acylamino, acylalkylamino wherein said acyl is a hydrolizable radical.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 4 wherein R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, ~~trifluormethoxy~~ trifluoromethoxy and nitro.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 5 wherein R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen and alkoxy.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 4 wherein R^4 and R^5 are hydrogen.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 4 wherein R^6 is alkylamino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy or aminoalkylcarbonyloxy.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 8 wherein R^6 is alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 1 wherein R^1 is hydrogen or alkyl.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 15 wherein R^1 is methyl.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 1 wherein R^2 is hydrogen or alkyl.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 17 wherein R^2 is alkyl.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 1 wherein X is a halogen.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound of claim 22 wherein X is chloro.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of

1-[[N-methyl-N-3-[(methylamino)acetoxymethyl]pyridin-2-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride dihydrochloride,

1-[[N-methyl-N-3-[(methylamino)acetoxymethyl]pyridin-2-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride, or

1-[[N-methyl-N-3-(acetoxymethyl)pyridin-2-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,

27. (Previously amended) A compound which is 1-[[N-methyl-N-3-[(methylamino)acetoxymethyl]pyridin-2-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously amended) An pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

31. (Original) A method of treating fungal infections comprising administering to the infected organism an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.